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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

#### AT-A-GLANCE

FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup> WEBCAST: GET STARTED WITH GRANTS.GOV – Learn more about the upcoming Grants.gov Registration Webcast on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm EST.

CITRIX SERVER AVAILABLE FOR NON-WINDOWS USERS -Read to find out more about this new enhancement.

> FIND AND APPLY FUNCTIONALITY STREAMLINED

REGISTER WITH GRANTS.GOV TODAY -Highlights the registration steps, making it as easy as 1, 2, 3.

FIRST MAJOR NIH CLOSING!
- Read two NIH success stories.

ONE DISTRICT + ONE WEBSITE = GRANTS SUCCESS

Learn where Grants.gov is making an appearance in UPCOMING EVENTS. (Page 2)

UPCOMING
ENHANCEMENTS Mark your calendar for the next
Succeed Newsletter edition
scheduled for April 15, 2006.

#### **MANAGING PARTNER**



**Unifying Federal Grants** 

# February 9<sup>th</sup> Registration Webcast: Get Started With Grants.gov

Grants.gov is the only thing you need to apply for all Federal grants. If you're still not sure how to get started – how to obtain a DUNS number, register your organization with CCR, register yourself and get authorized as an AOR – then our February 9<sup>th</sup> Webcast at 2:00pm EST is for you. Register today for a tutorial that will help you get going with Grants.gov.

#### Citrix Server Available for Non-Windows Users

As a part of our ongoing commitment to releasing new features and site enhancements, Grants.gov has partnered with NIH (National Institutes of Health) to offer Citrix server availability for all users. Now users across all platforms, including non-Windows users, are able to access the full range of Grants.gov capabilities through their existing web browsers – then use the Citrix environment to seamlessly enable submissions.

To take full advantage of Citrix server availability – don't forget to complete the Grants.gov registration process. It's required for submission.

# **Find and Apply Functionality Streamlined**

Last December, Grants.gov and Fedgrants.gov consolidated their strongest features to create the only secure site on the Web where users can access the more than \$400 billion in Federal grant money available. The merger bolstered Grants.gov's already strong Find features, incorporating them into a well-regarded Apply environment. Now, users find a completely unified look and feel for the Find and Apply functions, markedly increased interoperability between the two functions and standardized terminology across the board to help them find and apply for the Federal grants that fit their needs. In fact, the newly streamlined interface is so easy to use, it requires no additional training at all.

For prospective applicants and Federal grantors alike, Grants.gov's Find and Apply enhancements mean a much more streamlined and easy-to-navigate Federal grants process.

# **Register With Grants.gov Today**

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3. When you register to use Grants.gov, you unlock access to more than \$400 billion in Federal grants available to organizations like yours. Not only can you use Grants.gov to search for them, but you can also apply for them through the site. You just need to make sure your organization has a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number, register yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR), and get authorized as an AOR by your organization.

**Registering your organization is Step One.** Request a DUNS number by calling 1-866-705-5711 – and you'll receive one free of charge. Then, register your organization with CCR – the government's Central Contractor Registry – at http://www.ccr.gov

**Registering yourself is Step Two.** Once your registration with CCR is complete, it's important to register with Grants.gov to establish yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) – the individual authorized to submit grant applications on behalf of your organization. Visit <a href="http://www.grants.gov/Register">http://www.grants.gov/Register</a> to start the process.

**Getting Authorized is Step Three.** Even though you've already registered, your E-Business POC must authorize you so that Grants.gov will know that you're verified to submit applications.

That's all it takes to gain access to all the Federal grants available to organizations like yours. Learn more at www.grants.gov



# **First Major NIH Closing!**

NIH had two large success stories for the month of December. The first was the Small Business Innovative Research/Small Business Technology Transfer Program (SBIR/STTR) which was posted June 18, 2005 and closed December 1st. NIH received 1800 online submissions for this. One of the largest online closings and considered a great success.

The second great success was the Small Grant Program for Conference Support (R13) posted November 23, 2005, which closed December 15th. Again, NIH successfully received 150 online submissions. NIH did a great job of getting their applicants prepared to use Grants.gov. Congratulations NIH!

#### One District + One Website = Grants Success

The District of Columbia used a manual process that involved numerous staff members and hours of production to find and track grant opportunities within the Mayor's Office of Partnership and Grants Development (OPGD) – a big job for a small office. Like any city, the District sought ways to obtain more grant monies to expand services to citizens and drastically reduce the time spent finding them. Grants.gov helped OPGD dramatically streamline its process - while establishing a model system for grants information: the Grants Information Data System (GIDS). GIDS moves away from less efficient practices and uses technology to enhance the services it provides. GIDS is a completely automated, database-driven process that allows access to all Federal, District and foundation grants and enables DC agencies to enter application information and update grant status online. According to Gretchen Greiner, OPGD's Manager of Research and Communications, "Working with and linking to Grants.gov as they built, expanded and improved their online grants system has helped us throughout our own online grants project process."

OPGD has reduced the time required to search for grant opportunities and compile and send lengthy faxes by more than two-thirds. At the end of each week, two publications are automatically generated from GIDS and then sent to subscribers. With a new, automated process, the OPGD team is free to dedicate more time to responding to the growing needs of organizations within the local DC community.

"By partnering to launch and link DC's Grants Information Data System to Grants.gov, the DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer and OPGD are supporting the Mayor's vision of 'Making Government Work' for all District agencies and nonprofit service providers."

- Lafayette Barnes, Director, OPGD

It's an equation that adds up to success for all involved. Learn more about the District of Columbia's solution at Grants.gov!

## **Upcoming Events**

Mark your calendar! Connect with us for the following:

3/07/06 NCURA Videoconference –

Grants.gov overview

3/20/06 NACHRI/N.A.C.H. 2006 Spring

Conference

Grants and Development Hyatt Regency Crystal City

Arlington, VA

4/27/06 NGMA Grants.gov Overview and

Training - Washington DC

# **Upcoming Enhancements**

Grants.gov is always looking for ways to enhance our website to ensure an easy experience for users. Some exciting enhancements that will be coming your way include content updates to help clarify the registration process, easier access to registration information and allowing agencies to post synopses via web services. If you have any questions or suggestions for future enhancements, let us know at <a href="mailto:support@grants.gov">support@grants.gov</a>.

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